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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF US-CUBAN FISHERY
AGREEMENT

REF: HAVANA 773

1. DEPT CAN ACCEPT SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED CUBAN MODIFICA-
TION OF US-CUBA FISHING AGREEMENT, I.E. THAT HAVANA BE
ADDED TO LOCATIONS WHICH CAN PROVIDE VISAS FOR FISHING
VESSEL CREW MEMBERS. WE WOULD FURTHER PROPOSE THAT, WHERE
GROUPS OF CREW MEMBERS OR AN ENTIRE CREW ARE INVOLVED, THE
MISSION SHOULD STAMP THE VISA FOR THE CREW LIST ON THE
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APPLICATION FORM FURNISHED BY THE USG. THIS CHANGE WOULD
BE IN HARMONY WITH GENERAL US PRACTICE AND WOULD FACILITATE
PROCESSING OF VISAS AT MISSION.

2. DEPT WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, TO INSTITUTE THESE CHANGES
UNILATERALLY INSTEAD OF FORMALLY AMENDING ANNEX 3 OF THE
AGREEMENT. IN ORDER TO AMEND ANNEX 3 IT WOULD BE

NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND HAVE APPROVED CIRCULAR 175
NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY, TO FORMALLY DRAFT NEW LANGUAGE FOR
THE ANNEX, TO EXCHANGE NOTES, AND TO SUBMIT THE CHANGES
TO THE ANNEX TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIM TO TRANSFER TO THE
CONGRESS. THE CHANGES WOULD THEN HAVE TO LIE BEFORE THE

CONGRESS FOR 60 DAYS BEFORE THEY WOULD COME INTO EFFECT.
DEPT LEGAL EXPERTS FEEL THAT ENTIRE PROCEDURE MUST BE
COMPLIED WITH EVEN TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES. THERE IS,
HOWEVER, NOTHING WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE US FROM UNI-
LATERALLY ADOPTING A POLICY OF ISSUING VISAS IN HAVANA FOR
CUBAN FISHERMEN. THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE U.S.
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE VISAS IN MEXICO CITY, KINGSTON AND
MONTREAL AND IT WOULD BE AN ACCOMMODATION BY THE U.S.
WHICH COULD BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION SHOULD COMMUNICATE
INFORMALLY TO CUBANS OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR
REQUESTS WITHOUT FORMALLY CHANGING AGREEMENT. IF THIS
IS SATISFACTORY TO CUBANS USINT MAY ISSUE VISAS AS
INDICATED ABOVE. IF CUBANS INSIST THAT AGREEMENT BE
CHANGED AS INDICATED IN THEIR NOTE, DEPT WOULD BE
WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO DO SO. BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENTS
OF FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT AS DIS-
CUSSED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
TO FINALIZE CHANGES UNTIL MID MARCH 1978 AT THE EARLIEST.
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